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November 3rd, 1917

President Bowles,

Victoria College.

Dear President Bowles:

Yesterday I made inquiries about the heating of the Victoria College Buildings. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Bonus, the Assistant Superintendent, both regretted that you should have been put to this trouble. The Assistant Superintendent informs me that he had made inquiries every day from the janitor of your buildings and told him that everything was going well. Mr. Campbell also says that there seems to be some difficulty in the internal heating arrangements of some part of the building. However, they are endeavouring to do their best and I hope that you will find that you will get the heat that you need.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 23rd, 1918

Chancellor Bowles,

Victoria College.

Dear Chancellor Bowles:

I regret that I shall not be able to be with you at the Convocation of the Faculty of Theology on April first as I promised several weeks ago that I would address the Library Association of the Province on that evening. I hope that you will have a successful Convocation.

Yours sincerely,

President.

March 22rd, 1918

Chancellor Fowler,

Victoria College.

Dear Chancellor Fowler:

I am sending you a copy of "Information for Students". Would you please read it through and let me know whether with a few additions and the revision necessary to bring it up to date something of this kind would not meet our case, especially if we have a general preface on the line of which we spoke last Tuesday. Would you be good enough to let me have the copy back as the Registrar has only two copies ?

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 4th, 1918

Chancellor H. P. Powles,

Victoria College, Toronto.

My dear Chancellor Powles:

I very much regret that it will be impossible for me to be present to-night at the memorial meeting for the late Dr. Burwash. I regret this both on personal and university grounds.

Dr. Burwash was always to me a kind and considerate friend. I often discussed with his university problems and found his most sympathetic and helpful in his advice. His independent but courteous temperament, his determined but gentle disposition, and his wide experience made him a good adviser. I should also like to say, as doubtless Principal Sutton and others from the University will say, how great a factor he was in our university life. His spirit of fairness, his knowledge and his farsightedness together with his patience in difficult circumstances did more than we can say to make federation a success, and now it stands as one of the most remarkable accomplishments in academic development in North America.

There is nothing to regret in the close of Dr. Burwash's life. Full of years and enjoying the respect of the country he passed away painlessly in a time of great distress in which, however, his sons also were following worthily his example in doing their share for the maintenance of our civilisation. Victoria is to be congratulated on his career.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

April 12th, 1918

Chancellor Bowles,

Victoria College, Toronto.

Dear Chancellor Bowles:

As you are aware the Hart House is being erected for the University by the Massey Estate and is to be set apart for the use of all the men students of the University. A widely representative committee has for some years been in consultation with Colonel Vincent Massey with regard to the disposal and arrangement of the building and the regulations under which it should be conducted.

This committee was strongly of opinion that a compulsory fee should be imposed on all men students in the University who are proceeding to degrees, and that this compulsory fee should cover the contributions of students that are now compulsory and also their athletic fee. That in return for this fee they should have the right to use the Union and receive physical training. The fee recommended was $10.00, which will include the present fee of $2.00 which is now given to the work of the Students' Administrative Council and will still be applied to that object. It is believed that by the imposition of this fee it will be possible to make the building self-sustaining. The Governors have themselves contributed $100,000 towards the athletic wing of the building.

The Board of Governors at its last meeting adopt

the regulations that were presented to them by Colonel Massey and this committee and I am asked by the Board to inform you of this fact.

The building is not to be opened for academic purposes until the conclusion of the war and only then will the compulsory fee come into effect. I hope that this will meet with your approval.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.